Survivorship Support

Due to the many physical and emotional challenges that occur as a result of a childhood cancer diagnosis... the need for ongoing follow up services and survivorship support is imperative. Current national guidelines recommend ongoing survivorship support to children diagnosed with cancer. To view these guidelines in detail please visit

The following are reasons follow up support and care is essential for our children:

www.survivorshipguidelines.org.

- Improve the health and wellbeing of childhood cancer survivors by promoting adherence to a schedule of follow-up appointments;
- Provide referrals to specialists as needed;
- Offer psychological counseling;
- Transition patients to adult care when ready; and
- Educate patients, parents and healthcare professionals about the long-term effects of cancer treatment.



For More Information



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Childhood Cancer

What Every Parent Needs to Know



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My child has been diagnosed with cancer... What do I do?

A diagnosis of childhood cancer is devastating for the family.

Childhood cancer is treated aggressively, often with a combination of chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery, at a time of life when bodies are growing and developing. Treatment has a significant long-term impact on children.

Additionally, parents of children with cancer are often young, have a limited income, and they have other children.

One parent often needs to give up a job to take care of their child being treated for cancer.

Wyoming children who are diagnosed with cancer often rely on cancer treatment services across state borders. There is support Wyoming families! Now more than ever, there is hope in the face of devastating diagnosis.

As a result of advances in diagnostic and treatment technologies and the coordination of childhood cancer treatment protocols via clinical trials, 3 of every 4 children and adolescents diagnosed and treated for cancer will attain complete remission and cure.

Childhood Cancer Facts

- ♦ Each year in the United States, approximately 12,600 children under age 20 are diagnosed with cancer- that means that each school day, 46 children are diagnosed with cancer;
- On the average, 1 in every 4 elementary schools has a child with cancer;
- ♦ 1 in 330 children will diagnose cancer by age 20:
- The cure rate for childhood cancers has jumped from 10% to 70% in the past 30 years;
- Childhood leukemia (making up the largest group of childhood cancers) was once a certain death sentence, but now can be cured almost 80% of the time;
- Parents of children with cancer are often young, have limited income, and they have other children:
- Cancer in childhood occurs regularly, randomly, and spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region.

The National Cancer Institute - http://www.cancer.gov/
Trust for America's Health - http://www.healthyamericans.org/
The Canadian Cancer Society - http://www.cancer.ca/

Childhood Cancer Resources

Jason's Friends Foundation- Assists families of children suffering from brain or spinal cord tumors and other cancers by providing advocacy, helping hands, financial assistance and encouragement in the face of despair.

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www.jasonsfriends.com

Candlelighters- National non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, support, serve, and advocate for families of children with cancer, survivors of childhood cancer, and the professionals who care for them.

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